

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07040.0223  
Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Gianfranco COLOMBO et al. )  
Application No.: 10/533,927 ) Group Art Unit: 1747  
Filed: December 2, 2005 ) Examiner: Steven D. Maki  
For: TYRE FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL ) Confirmation No.: 8155  
    INCLUDING A TREAD-BAND )  
    PATTERN )  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 9, 2010, the period for response having been extended to April 11, 2011 (April 9, 2011, being a Saturday), by a Petition requesting a two-month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and corresponding fee payment filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the **Amendments to Claims** section, which begins on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this Response.